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HARFORD COUNTY TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY 2009

(Bel Air, MD - - February 4, 2009) - - Harford County will recognize Arbor Day 2009 during a ceremony on Friday, April 10, at 9:00 a.m. at Edgeley Grove Park in Fallston. The planting project will consist of planting 900 tree seedlings on 3.7 acres, and the planting of 112 balled and burlapped trees along the Ma & Pa trail within the park.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a non-profit conservation organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

The activities will also mark Harford County once again earning the Tree City USA award from the national Arbor Day Foundation. To qualify for the award, Harford County has an active Forestry Board, ordinances governing tree care, a Community Forestry program and an Arbor Day celebration and proclamation.

The Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff, and citizens who plant and care for our community forests. Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure of our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits.

Volunteers are encouraged to arrive at the park by 9:00 a.m. Civic organizations, school groups, scouts and individuals are invited. Please bring a hammer and shovel if you have them.

For more information about the Arbor Day event, or to volunteer, please contact Betsey Greene, Department of Planning and Zoning, at 410-638-3103 ext. 1359.